GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
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RECRUITMENTS FOR GULF COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians recruited for employment in Gulf countries during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 till date;

(b) whether the Government received any complaint regarding the working conditions i.e. salary, allowance and working hours agreed to in the contract are denied to the workers by the employers;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) : The number of Indian workers recruited for employment in Gulf countries during 1999,2000 and 2001 (upto 28th February, 2001) is as under:-

Year	No. of Persons
1999	208001
2000	202645
2001	33296

(b), (c) & (d) : Sporadic complaints are received relating to working conditions, i.e., payment of salaries, allowances and working hours etc. Whenever such complaints are received, Indian Missions/local recruiting agents are requested/directed to resolve the disputes of the aggrieved workers with the help of concerned Government/Sponsors. In the event of non-compliance of directions by the recruiting agents, action is taken to cancel/suspend their registration. Foreign sponsors who violate the terms of employment contracts are placed in the `Prior Approval Category`. As and when the workers approach the Indian Mission, they are provided all possible help.